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SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE; DELDOT FORCES CONCENTRATE ON SECONDARY AND LESSER-TRAVELED ROADWAYS

Dover – DelDOT forces continue to plow roadways statewide this afternoon in the aftermath of a winter storm that dropped between 5-7 inches of snow throughout Delaware. Primary or major roads statewide have been plowed and treated and are open for travel, though motorists can expect wet or slushy conditions with some snow cover on shoulders and in turn lanes.

Sussex County crews have completed work on the dual highways and better than 80% of secondary roads. Work continues on lesser-traveled or back roads with the goal of reaching nearly all of these before sunset.

In Kent County the main roads (SR 1, Routes 13, 113) have all been treated and plowed with generally good driving conditions for inclement weather. Motorists should expect wet and slushy pavement. Most secondary roads have now been plowed but motorists should anticipate snow-covered shoulders. Crews have moved onto the back roads and will try to get to most of these before the end of the day also.

New Castle County operations report that primary roads are all open, wet and slushy in areas, but with travel lanes plowed and cleared. Snow removal operations are now centered on the secondary roads with the goal of reaching the majority of them by sunset. Lesser-traveled roadways are still snow covered and in many cases have not been treated. When the secondary roads are done, maintenance forces will work on the back roads this evening, though this will be done using half crews in order to provide rest for workers who started snow removal operations as early as 9:00 pm on Sunday night.

DART First State reports that all routes are running with very minor detours and within about 15 minutes of scheduled times. DelDOT continues to monitor updated weather forecasts in conjunction with DEMA in preparation for the next round of precipitation overnight tonight into tomorrow morning.

The public is advised to monitor the DelDOT web site, www.deldot.net/ Travel Advisory, the State of Delaware web site, www.delaware.gov, Closings and Delays sub-page, or www.state.de.us/dema. In addition, monitor local broadcast media and print media web sites for updates.

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